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New system revolutionizes Gallaudet operations

[Part One of two-part series]

In March 1998, Gallaudet began implementing PeopleSoft, an integrated financial, human resources, and student administration software system.

Staff in Accounting and Business Services, Human Resources and Payroll, and the Office of Enrollment Services are adjusting to a new way of doing business thanks to the new software, while Computer Services staff is supporting the project with new hardware, operating system, and database software. Thus far, the most obvious impact on campus has been the replacement of the old FMS paper financial reports with on-line reports.

The Accounting Office is using PeopleSoft for general ledger, accounts payable, and accounts receivable. The Contracts and Purchasing Office uses PeopleSoft for purchasing, and Central Receiving and PPD record shipments they receive with the system.

One of the biggest impacts of the integrated system is that it enables departments to track their budgets more efficiently. "People can see what's happening with their money because financial reports are updated every night from Monday to Friday," said Dr. Kenneth Epstein, an associate professor in the Department of Educational Foundations and Research who currently serves as project director for the implementation project. Once a request has

been processed by the Accounting Office, said Epstein, the results will be available online almost immediately. "If someone calls a department and asks if a payment has been processed, it's easy to check and have an answer."

Two kinds of financial reports are being used. At the vice president and dean/director levels, special PeopleSoft software permits checking reports for all the budget units in the division, school, or department. For budget unit heads, reports are available in a format that requires only Microsoft Excel.

Decentralized purchasing is the next phase of the financial implementation. Departments filling standard orders will file their requests directly online, speeding up the process. Purchasing staff will still be able to assist with more complex orders.

Currently, PeopleSoft is being tested to ensure that no security loopholes exist. Epstein emphasized that while the software makes it easier for authorized people to access information, it also makes it easier for software administrators to control access, and create restrictions as needed. "It's not going to go out until I'm completely confident that they can only spend their own money!" said Epstein. **G**

[Next: PeopleSoft Simplifies Personnel and Student Records]

Wanna' dance?

The National Deaf Dance Academy will offer 10-week Saturday morning dance and gymnastics classes at Gallaudet for deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing children ages 4 to 13 beginning February 13. Class offering are

- **Gymnastics**—4- to 5-year-olds, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; 6- to 10-year-olds, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; and 9- to 13-year-olds, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- **Dance**—"Dancin' With Disney," for 4- to 5-year-olds, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; and for 6- to 10-year-

olds; hip-hop jazz, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.; tap, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.; and ballet, 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

Gymnastics classes take place in Hughes Gym, and dance classes take place in the Delta Zeta Dance Studio.

The costs are \$2.50 per class (\$25 for 10 weeks) for tap dance; \$5 per class (\$50 for 10 weeks) for all other dance classes; and \$6 per class (\$60 for 10 weeks) for gymnastics. Discounts are offered for children who take more than one class.

For more information or to register, call Sue Gill-Doleac, director, at x5591, or e-mail SKGILL **G**

Don't forget!

Be sure not to miss the Third Annual Alumni "Basketball Madness" in the University Field House on Saturday, February 6, from noon to 6 p.m. when the Bison take on Marymount University in two games.

For more information

call x5081 (TTY), x5060 (V), or e-mail daphne.mcgregor@gallaudet.edu. **G**

Homecoming 1999

Homecoming 1999 will be October 8-10. Plans are already underway. Keep your eyes open for the Homecoming schedule in an upcoming *On the Green*.

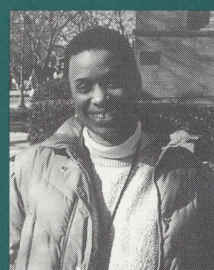
New Year's Resolutions



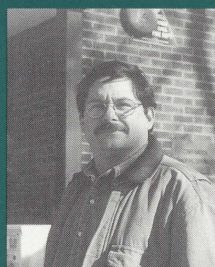
David Bahan: "To be as cute as possible this year!"



Marilyn Galloway: "Exercise more!"



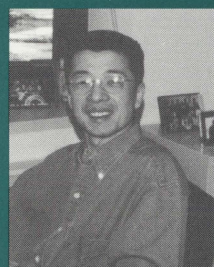
K.P. Perkins: "To finish my dissertation."



Cliff Geffen: "I tend not to share my resolutions, but here are two: to lose my belly, and to work on my swing and improve my golf game."



M.J. Bienvenu: "To return things I 'borrow.'"



Zhou Fang: "I want to save money and buy an IMAC computer."



Steve Weiner: "I don't have one because New Year's resolutions are made to be broken!"

Six individuals to receive awards at Charter Day Luncheon and Awards Program

The Gallaudet University Alumni Association (GUAA) and the Laurent Clerc Cultural Fund (LCCF) will host their 30th annual Charter Day Luncheon and Awards Program on April 10 in the Peikoff Alumni House. The luncheon, which celebrates the signing of Gallaudet's charter by President Abraham Lincoln on April 8, 1864, will begin at 11 a.m.

Rosalyn Lee Gannon, '59, former chair and longtime member of the LCCF Committee, will serve as mistress of ceremonies.

The GUAA and LCCF will present awards to six deserving individuals.

The GUAA Outstanding Young Alumnus Award will go to James S. Clark, '90, of Ellicott City, Md., and the GUAA Pauline "Polly" Peikoff, E-'36, "Service to Others" Award will be presented to Lillian Hahn Skinner, '39, of Northridge, Calif.

The LCCF Laurent Clerc Award, which is presented to a deaf person for outstanding social contributions, will be given to Sam Rittenberg, E-'23, of Birmingham, Ala. The LCCF Alice Cogswell Award for valuable service on behalf of deaf people will go to Warren Schwab of Framington,

Mass. The LCCF Edward Miner Gallaudet Award for recognition of national or international leaders for promoting the well-being of deaf people around the world, will be presented to John Lovett of Australia. The LCCF Amos Kendall Award for notable excellence in a professional field not related to deafness will be given to Danny Delcambre of Seattle, Wash.

Advance reservations for the luncheon and awards program are required since seating is limited. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Make checks or money orders payable to GUAA and send them to Daphne Cox McGregor, '82, associate director, Peikoff Alumni House. The deadline for reservations with payment is April 1. For more information, call x5081 (TTY) or x5060 (Voice) or e-mail daphne.mcgregor@gallaudet.edu.

The GUAA and the LCCF Committee are now accepting nominations for next year's awards. Nominations of individuals who would be worthy recipients may be sent to Mary Anne Pugin, '71, GUAA executive director, Peikoff Alumni House. **G**



ASK AUNT SOPHIE

Dear Aunt Sophie,

Can you tell me if it's true that the University plans to tear down Hughes Gym and put up another building in its place? And if it's true, why? Why tear down an attractive, perfectly good building just to put up another one?

Hughes Fan

Dear HF,

Attractive? Perfectly good? Surely you and I are not thinking of the same building. Poor old Hughes has the unfortunate distinction of representing American architecture at its nadir. It makes no aesthetic contribution to Gallaudet, which is a serious sin of omission, because when it comes to university campuses, looks matter.

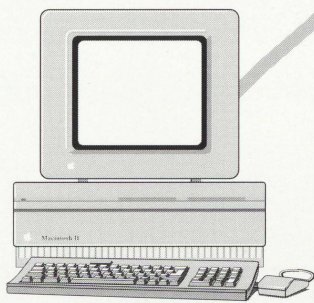
Oh, I know that you and others have spent many happy hours swimming and sweating in the place, but you will be able to do that until the cows come

home—and in style, I might add—when the new Field House addition is completed later this semester.

And just wait until you see what will rise from the rubble of Hughes! I have it on the best authority that the new student-centered, technologically superior, architecturally ambitious, and overall spiffy-looking building that will be constructed on the site will knock the socks off everyone who lays eyes on it.

So, mourn not for Hughes. It has served its purpose for these many years. The new building that replaces it will not only will be handsome and practical, it will say to the world, "Gallaudet is on the move."

If you have a burning question that you would like to ask Aunt Sophie, e-mail her at PUBLI-CREL. Be sure you say your question is for Aunt Sophie.



TECH TIPS

The Online Gallaudet Help Desk is ready to serve you!



The Gallaudet Help Desk will allow users to make online service requests for computer set-up, computer repair, telephones, networks, operations, and administrative tasks. It will also allow users to track the progress of those requests online. There is also a searchable Frequently Asked Questions section. To use the Help Desk, just follow these easy steps:

- Go to <http://techhelp.gallaudet.edu>, and click on the link labeled "report problems here."
- Enter your Domino e-mail address in the USERID box, then click on the "Logon" button.
- From the next page that appears, you can either review

the status of all your previous and current service requests, or submit a new request by clicking on the "Add Call Ticket" button.

- On this page, just fill in the boxes with information such as the type of problem, computer location, description of the work you need to have done, etc. When you're done, press the "Submit" button.

- You will be given an eight-digit tracking number called a "Call Ticket." Write down that number. You're done!

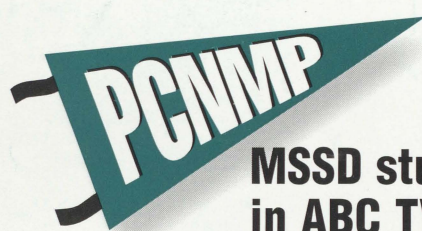
Requests are handled on a first come, first served basis. If you feel that your request merits a faster response time, the follow-

ing two options are available:

- Request an outside repair vendor through Bill Farrand at bill.farrand@gallaudet.edu. An outside repair vendor will visit you within two days. By requesting an outside repair service, your department accepts responsibility for paying all service charges and hardware costs.

- Contact John Millikin, PC Support manager at john.millikin@gallaudet.edu.

Currently the Help Desk is in pilot mode. Feedback is appreciated and strongly encouraged. Please send suggestions and inquiries to Bill Farrand. **G**



HAPPENINGS

MSSD students participate in ABC TV's 'Wired for Learning' broadcast

By Susan M. Flanigan

The Model Secondary School for the Deaf (MSSD) shared the spotlight with a group of Washington, D.C., area schools on a December 9 ABC television program called "Wired for Learning" that focused on how technology is helping students learn in the classroom.

"We wanted to see how technology is helping kids be brighter, smarter, and prepared for the 21st century," said ABC producer Jackie Fain.

Carol Vail-Weiss, director of corporate education programs at EDS, a company that produces telecommunication projects, saw a group of MSSD seniors give a demonstration of how they share learning activities with other classrooms through video conferencing at the Annual Business Luncheon held at the Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center. "The students presented information to a class at MSSD on how the ozone layer is being destroyed by chemicals," said

MSSD science teacher Mary Ellsworth.

Vail-Weiss was impressed with the students and persuaded Fain to include them in the program she was developing.

Although Fain admired how technology is broadening communication from the classroom to the world, she missed an important point about accessibility.

"Unfortunately, the 'Wired for Learning' program was not captioned and therefore was not accessible to our students," said Ellsworth, who is investigating ways to arrange for captioning.

For the "Wired for Learning" program, Ellsworth and 15 MSSD students set up a video conference with students from the Indiana School for the Deaf. Via a classroom ISDN connection, the students at the two schools signed questions to each other about each school's results in a solar energy project. After the conference, newscaster Horace Holmes from local ABC affiliate Channel 7 interviewed several

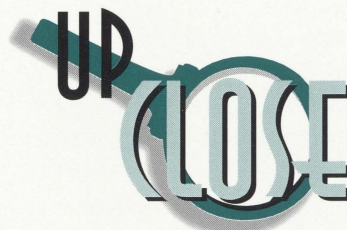
MSSD students about their experience.

Senior Kristen Fredericks described the video conference as, "a cool experience because it allowed us to compare the results from a different geographic location and see how they differed from ours."

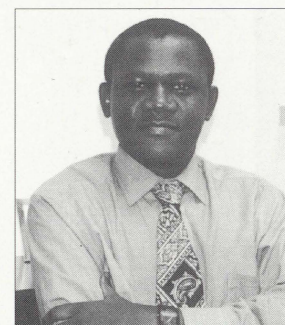
In the interview with Holmes, Ellsworth explained how the new technology is changing the role of the teacher in the classroom. "The teacher is no longer standing in front of the classroom lecturing. He or she is not a sage on the stage but a guide on the side to involve students in their own education. That's the power of what's happening with technology." **G**

Check out 'On the Green's' Web version

Many of the articles and photographs that appear in each week's issue of *On the Green* can also be read in *On the Green's* Web version, the online version of Gallaudet's faculty/staff newsletter. And because space limitations are not an issue in cyberspace like they are in newsprint, some articles in the Web version may contain additional information. On the Green's Web version can be accessed through the University's homepage.



Welcome Back Slemo!



What would it take to coax you to move from ever-sunny California to the unpredictable climate of Washington, D.C.? For alumnus Slemo Warigon, the main draw was the opportunity to become Gallaudet's Director of Audit and Management Services, the position he has held obtained in January.

Nigerian born and raised, Slemo overcame numerous hurdles in order to get to the United States and enroll at Gallaudet.

"In Nigeria I attended the school for deaf students that was established by Ezekiel Sambo [another outstanding Gallaudet alumnus; class of 1970]," said Slemo, "and there I learned the importance of an education. I also learned about Gallaudet and hoped that one day I would go to school there."

He arrived on campus in 1987, and four years later became the proud owner of a dual bachelors degree in computer information systems and accounting. Soon after graduation, Slemo moved out West where he took a job as a staff auditor at Texas A&M University-Commerce. His drive to expand his educational horizons continued, however, and soon he

was attending graduate school on a part-time basis. Today, he not only holds an MBA degree, but also is a certified internal auditor and a certified information systems auditor. In 1995, he moved to California where he worked as senior auditor at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

"Slemo's credentials and experience in the auditing and management services fields are impeccable," said Paul Kelly, vice president for administration and business. "And because he is also an alumnus, it makes it especially meaningful to have him as a colleague."

With his wife, Stephanie, and their two sons, Slemo now resides in Columbia, Md.—a long way from Santa Barbara, but where he still manages to indulge in one of his favorite pastimes, golfing.

Welcome back to Gallaudet, Slemo! **G**



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